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Applicant: William J. Drasler, et al. Confirmation No. 8503  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Dear Examiner Izquierdo:

The Office Action of July 19, 2006 has been received. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.